(Rs. in crores)

Year	Central Assistance	Amount spent	Balance amount
2004-05	1743.39	1773.08	+ 29.69
2005-06	1465.38	1474.75	+ 9.37
2006-07	1409.28	1480.51	+71.23

(d) Does not arise.

Grant-in-aid for Gur-Ta-Gaddi

1308. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chief Minister of Maharashtra has requested for grant-in-aid of Rs. 125 crore for tercentenary anniversary of Gur-Ta-Gaddi at Nanded City;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken on the request of the Chief Minister of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. Government of India has provided an Additional Central Assistance (ACA) of Rs. 125 crore in Annual Plan 2006-07 to Government of Maharashtra for the tercentenary anniversary of Gur-Ta-Gaddi at Nanded. In accordance with the uniform pattern of funding applicable to all non-Special Category States, 30% of this amount is given as a grant and 70% is to be raised directly by the Government of Maharashtra as a loan. Chief Minister, Maharashtra had requested that the entire assistance of Rs. 125 crore be provided in the form of 100% grant. Government of Maharashtra has been informed that it would not be possible to make an exception in the funding pattern in one particular case.

SC/ST Population below poverty line

1309. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as against the national average of 27 per cent, 36 per cent of SC population and 45 per cent of ST population are below the poverty line;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to frame a law to make it mandatory for the Central Government and the State Governments to spend money for the uplift of the SC and the ST population in proportion to their population, *i.e.* 23 per cent of their respective funds; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when a law for the purpose would be framed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) The Planning Commission estimates the percentage and number of people living below the poverty line at the national and state level from the large sample survey on household consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) at an interval of approximately five years following the methodology contained in the report of the Expert Group on Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor (Lakdawala Committee). On the basis of the large sample survey of household consumer expenditure of the 55th Round of the NSS (National Sample Survey), 27.09 percent of the population in the rural areas of the country is estimated to live below the poverty line in 1999-2000. Based on the poverty line of all population and consumption expenditure distribution for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes obtained from the large sample survey of household consumer expenditure data of the 55th Round of the NSS, 36.25 per cent of the Scheduled Castes and 45.86 per cent of the Scheduled Tribes population in the rural areas are estimated to live below the poverty line in 1999-2000.

(b) The State-wise percentage of schedule castes an scheduled tribes people living below the poverty line in rural and urban areas in 1999-2000 estimated from the NSS consumer expenditure data of the 55th Round is given in Statement-I (*See* below). The Sate-wise percentage of people living below the poverty line in rural and urban areas in 1999-2000 estimated from the NSS consumer expenditure data ofthe 55th Round is given in Statement-II.

(c) There is no such proposal at the moment.

(d) In view of (c) above, does not arise.

Statement-I

Percentage of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Population below Poverty Line by States for 1999-2000

Sl. No.	States	Rural		Urban	
		Scheduled Caste	Scheduled Tribe	Scheduled Caste	Scheduled Tribe
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Andhra Pradesh	16.49	23.82	41.42	44.99
2	Assam	44.00	38.73	19.99	2.70
3	Bihar	59.81	59.68	51.91	39.47
4	Gujarat	17.77	29.11	29.13	36.66
5	Haryana	19.03	–	25.38	–
6	Himachal Pradesh	13.15	5.73	6.74	–
7	Karnataka	26.22	25.49	47.01	51.37
8	Kerala	14.64	24.20	24.15	–
9	Madhya Pradesh	41.29	56.26	54.24	52.59

1	2	3	4	5	6
10	Maharashtra	33.27	43.56	39.88	42.98
11	Orissa	51.83	73.93	70.59	59.59
12	Punjab	12.39	17.99	11.30	12.95
13	Rajasthan	19.62	25.27	41.82	20.71
14	Tamil Nadu	32.59	43.20	44.94	5.22
15	Uttar Pradesh	43.65	34.06	43.51	13.27
16	West Bengal	35.10	50.02	28.15	31.88
	ALL INDIA:	36.25	45.86	38.47	34.75

N.B. 1. Estimated from the Household Consumer Expenditure Data of 55th Round (July, 1999-June, 2000) of NSSO.

2. The Poverty Line for all population is used for SC's and ST's.

Statement-II

Percentage of Population Below Poverty Line by States -1999-2000

Sl. No.	States/U.T.'s	Rural	Urban
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	11.05	26.63
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	40.04	7.47
3.	Assam	40.04	7.47
4.	Bihar	44.30	32.91
5.	Goa	1.35	7.52
6.	Gujarat	13.17	15.59
7.	Haryana	8.27	9.99
8.	Himachal Pradesh	7.94	4.63
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	3.97	1.98
10.	Karnataka	17.38	25.25
11.	Kerala	9.38	20.27
12.	Madhya Pradesh	37.06	38.44
13.	Maharashtra	23.72	26.81
14.	Manipur	40.04	7.47
15.	Meghalaya	40.04	7.47
16.	Mizoram	40.04	7.47
17.	Nagaland	40.04	7.47
18.	Orissa	48.01	42.83

1	2	3	4
19.	Punjab	6.35	5.75
20.	Rajasthan	13.74	19.85
21.	Sikkim	40.04	7.47
22.	Tamil Nadu	20.55	22.11
23.	Tripura	40.04	7.47
24.	Uttar Pradesh	31.22	30.89
25.	West Bengal	31.85	14.86
26.	A. & N Island	20.55	22.11
27.	Chandigarh	5.75	5.75
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	17.57	13.52
29.	Daman & Diu	1.35	7.52
30.	Delhi	0.40	9.42
31.	Lakshadweep	9.38	20.27
32.	Pondicherry	20.55	22.11
	ALL INDIA:	27.09	23.62

Note.

1. Poverty Ratio of Assam is used for Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura
2. Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Goa is used to estimate poverty ratio of Goa.
3. Poverty Line of Himachal Pradesh and expenditure distribution of Jammu & Kashmir is used to estimate poverty ratio of Jammu & Kashmir
4. Poverty Ratio of Tamil Nadu is used for Pondicherry and A & N Island
5. Urban Poverty Ratio of Punjab used for both rural and urban poverty of Chandigarh
6. Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Dadra & Nagar Haveli is used to estimate poverty ratio of Dadra & Nagar Haveli
7. Poverty Ratio of Goa is used for Daman & Diu.
8. Poverty Ratio of Kerala is used for Lakshadweep

NHAI strategy to combat HIV/AIDS

1310. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether alongwith building good quality roads, NHAI is working out a strategy to combat HIV/AIDS in the country;

(b) if so, the details of this initiative;

(c) whether the NHAI proposes to cover 65,000 km. roads with the specific objective to prevent this menace along the stretches and spread awareness about this disease; and